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WASHINGTON, October 29, 1986 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 1,096 in September, compared with 1,081 in August and 153 in September of last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Total orders for cars through the first nine months of this year came to 9,516, compared with 6,855 at the same time last year.

Cars placed in service in September totaled 1,159, compared with 1,161 in August and 1,020 in September 1985. Through the first nine months of this year, 7,611 cars were delivered, compared with 9,072 at the same time a year ago.

As of October 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 3,664, compared with 3,727 on September 1, and 2,583 on October 1, 1985. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 3,640, compared with 3,906 a year earlier.

The AAR also reported that 22 locomotives were placed in service in September, compared with 29 in August and 75 in September 1985. Through nine months of this year, 275 locomotives were delivered, compared with 448 a year earlier.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on October 1 was 21,620, compared with 21,570 on September 1, and 24,786 on October 1, 1985.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
Built New by Car Builders	1,134	1,020	1,161	7,536	8,666
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	406
Built New - Total	1,134	1,020	1,161	7,536	9,072
Rebuilt	25	0	0	75	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,159	1,020	1,161	7,611	9,072
Locomotives	22	75	29	275	448

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,096	153	1,081	9,441	6,855
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,096	153	1,081	9,441	6,855
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	75	0
TOTAL ORDERED	1,096	153	1,081	9,516	6,855

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1986	1985	1986	1986	1985
To be built New by Car Builders	3,664	2,583	3,702	3,625	3,875
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	31
To be built New - Total	3,664	2,583	3,702	3,625	3,906
To be rebuilt	0	0	25	14	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,664	2,583	3,727	3,640	3,906
Locomotives	35	162	109	148	249

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